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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please substitute for original claims 1, 2, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, and 19 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Versions With Markings to Show Changes Made."

1. (Amended) An isolated protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from SEQ. ID NO: 2.

2. (Amended) An isolated protein selected from the group consisting of the following (a) and (b):

(a) a protein comprising the amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO: 4;
or

(b) a protein which comprises the amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO: 4 having deletion, substitution or addition of one to ten amino acids within the region from position 1 to position 400 and which has RNA binding activity.